

RECOMMENDATIONS

The present method of refuse collection in the Tri-Cities seems to be generally satisfactory. However, improvements are needed in the disposal procedures. More emphasis should be put on enforcing refuse control ordinances to prevent littered yards and vacant lots.

In the future, as the population grows and attitudes of residents change the municipalities may have to increase the frequency of collection service. More satisfactory refuse disposal and operating economies can be realized by using one sanitary landfill rather than the three disposal facilities that are now in use in the Tri-City area. It is recommended that Leaks-ville, Draper, and Spray take a regional approach and jointly acquire, operate, and use a sanitary landfill.

The sanitary landfill method has been found the most satisfactory and economical method for disposing of all types of refuse. In a pamphlet on refuse disposal the Sanitary Engineering Division of the North Carolina State Board of Health has pointed out the following advantages of a properly operated sanitary landfill:

- No breeding places for insects or rodents are created.
- Fire hazards are eliminated.
- Smoke and odors do not result from the operation.
- It is not necessary to separate the type of material.
This permits the combined collection of all refuse.
- The beauty of the landscape is not adversely affected.
- Adjacent property values are not diminished. In some cases they are enhanced.
- Reclamation of useless land is frequently possible to provide sites for playgrounds, parking lots and other purposes.